

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
BERNARD BIDE )  
Appl. No.: 09/630,915 ) Examiner: Justin R. Fischer  
Filed: August 2, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
For: TIRE INCLUDING A CARCASS PLY, )  
AN INNER ELASTOMERIC LAYER AND )  
AN ELASTOMERIC REINFORCEMENT )  
LAYER BETWEEN THE PLY AND THE ) January 10, 2005  
INNER LAYER

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT**

**OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

The following comments are provided to clarify the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance attached to the Notice of Allowance dated November 8, 2004,

In the reasons for allowance the Examiner states that "Sueyoshi substantially teaches the claimed rubber composition, including the use of SBR, in combination with synthetic polyisoprene, in an amount between 80 and 97 phr of the blend, but specifically describes the use of trans 1,4 polyisoprene, which is in direct contrast to the claimed invention (requires majority of chains be cis-1,4)."

The Examiner also states that

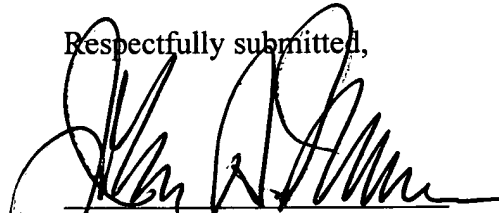
“while Hattori describes the general use of natural rubber, which is recognized as having a large amount of cis-1,4 bonds, the reference specifically teaches that the relevant rubber layer is to be formed of a large amount of natural rubber (at least 70 phr). Thus, the prior art references of record fail to suggest, disclose, or teach a tire construction in which the relevant rubber layer has each of the claimed characteristics/properties and one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would not have found such a modification to be obvious.”

Applicant notes that the present invention is also distinguishable over SUEYOSHI (JP 07237405) and HATTORI (JP 10297209) for the reasons provided on pages 9 and 10 of the Amendment submitted on October 21, 2004.

In addition, Applicant’s representatives wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for correcting the name of the inventor on the Notice of Allowance after discussing the matter on January 5, 2005. Applicant’s representatives explained to the Examiner that the inventor’s name was incorrectly listed as “Monsieur Bernard Bidet” and should be listed as “Bernard Bidet” without including the French titled of Monsieur.

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